

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of:
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For: INFORMATION RECORDING
REPRODUCING APPARATUS, PROGRAM,
COMPUTER-READABLE RECORDING
MEDIUM, AND DEFECT FIELD
MANAGEMENT METHOD

Examiner: L. T. Nguyen

RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

MS Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action dated February 10, 2009, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application in light of the following:

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 14 of this paper.